

Cecilia Bollar, in the audience, asked if the City will demand compensation for the park. Mr. Hudson replied that the matter is up to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. She also asked if the Planning Commission's recommendation of vacation was an implied approval of the proposed site plan.

Mr. Abel argued that the Planning Commission's approval of the proposed vacation would imply a courtyard-type of development.

Frank Higginbotham spoke in favor of vacation and utilization of the proposed site plan. He stated that development of the area per existing lots would be very unsatisfactory.

Mr. deMoll observed that all that is proposed is to abandon a poor street arrangement prior to the area's development. He felt that plan was a good one because it will keep the automobile where it belongs -- out of site.

Cecilia Bollar said that she has lived for forty years at the same location and was concerned about the small visitor's parking lot which would face her lot. David Bollar voiced the same concern.

Peggy M. Keller also voiced concern about the parking lot.

Lynn Brooks voiced concern for potential problems associated with the proposed guest parking lot.

Dan Lufkin voiced support of getting this area into a developable state.

John Geohegan, 212 Lindbergh Avenue, voiced support of the City's putting Freedom Drive through. He pointed out the existing storm sewer and sanitary sewer easements and opposed any development over these. Also, he voiced concern about who would be responsible for maintaining the proposed site's inner courtyard.

Mike Milliner, Milliner Construction, addressed the neighbor's concerns. He advised that notices were sent to all property owners facing site and about twenty (20) persons came to an informational meeting. He felt that the proposed parking area was an important one and only a few persons opposed it at the neighborhood meeting.

Mrs. Culbertson observed that the site plan is not being up for consideration tonight, but the vacation of Freedom Drive and the park is being considered. She felt that Freedom Drive's layout was highly undesirable and the park was too small.

Mr. Pauls observed that the site plan review process is the appropriate time for discussion of all the concerns raised tonight. He gave his recommendation and advised that the storm and sanitary sewers can be addressed and protected by easements. Mr. Pauls advised that the applicant has met advertising requirements to date and will have to meet additional requirements when the case is considered by the Mayor and Board. Mr. Pauls recommended vacation of the park as it is too small. He determined that Freedom Drive is undesirable from a planning and traffic safety viewpoint due to its angle of intersection with Lindbergh Avenue. He recommended vacation of 16' alley due to the present number of alleys that are adequate to handle traffic.